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1. (U) Post delivered reftel demarche to the Department of Foreign Affairs Office of United Nations and Other International Organizations (UNIO) Acting Director Joy Ignacio. Post emphasized the potential dangers of the "defamation" concept and solicited support to vote against the resolution.

2. (SBU) Acting Director Ignacio assured poloff that the Philippine government takes the U.S. positions very seriously, and promised to raise our priorities with her superiors. Post will continue to follow up and will advise when further response is forthcoming.
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